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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

This amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action, dated December 1, 2003, which provides for a shortened statutory response period ending January 1, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.